

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING (RECESSED)
JUNE 18, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Susan Brannelly, Co-chair; Angel dePara, James Holloway, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Richard Paoletto, M. Evette Brantley (5:55 p.m.)

OTHERS: Larry Osborne, Labor Relations Director; Ann Kelly-Lenz, Tax Collector Support Veronica Jones, Acting Tax Collector; Charles Paris, Police Union Local 1159 President, Tom Sherwood, OPM Director; Atty. Ronald Pacacha, City Attorney's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Brannelly called the meeting back to order following a recess at 5:37 p.m. Council Member Holloway objected and stated that the Council Members who were present at the previous session would have to make a motion to call the recessed meeting back into order.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO CALL THE RECESSED CONTRACTS COMMITTEE MEETING BACK IN TO ORDER.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A quorum was present.

76-11 Proposed Tentative Agreement with Police Union, Local 1159 regarding their bargaining unit contract.

Mr. Osborne greeted the Council members and said that Union President Paris was also present. Mr. Osborne announced that the City and the Union has presented their positions and that the contract had been duly voted on by the union. He distributed a summary sheet to the Council Members.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO ENTER THE POLICE UNION LOCAL 1159 CONTRACT SUMMARY SHEET AS EXHIBIT 1.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Sherwood said that the contract had to be ratified by the membership, which has been done. Mr. Osborne said that he was already on record as to why the item did not go forward. Council

Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that many of the members do not use electronics and need to receive the information in hard copy.

Mr. Paris pointed out that the 18% would not be in effect until the City pays \$200,000 as stipulated by the contract. Mr. Sherwood said that he expected that this would be ratified tonight.

Council Member dePara said that the statement regarding this was located on page 2, Item 5 of the actual contract.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 76-11 PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH POLICE UNION, LOCAL 1159 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Holloway left the meeting to attend a wake.

Council Member Paoletto said that this item would be brought to the full Council off the floor.

86-11 Assignment of Tax Liens for Fiscal Year 2012

Ms. Kelly-Lenz came forward said that these were new liens and there had been a number of people who were interested in these. The funds generated by these are used to close the budget gap. One of the bidders had offered a premium for the liens, which indicates strong interest. Ms. Kelly Len then gave a brief overview of the process to the Council Members.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 86-11 ASSIGNMENT OF TAX LIENS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This matter will be brought to the Council from the floor due to the timeliness. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the Council Members had not received any paperwork two weeks ago.

Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

88-11 Proposed Arena Billboard Lease Agreement Among Arena Operator, Independent Outdoor III, LLC and City of Bridgeport

Atty. Pacacha came forward and distributed a document about the billboard. The Arena and the ball park need capital repairs and this would help generate revenue. This would be located on a small grassy area at the passenger drop off location where there is a flag. The billboard will be

visible from I-95. The marquee on the side of the building is only visible from the street. This requires a three party agreement and is a lease of land. The billboard company will give the Arena one of every six "flips" and the City will receive 25% of the flips. That will be four free flips for City advertising. If it is not used by the City, then either the Arena or the billboard company will use the flip. Atty. Pacacha then reviewed the details of the rent and the capital donation agreement.

Council Member dePara asked about the advertising review, which Atty. Pacacha reviewed. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked about the liens on the billboard and the City's ownership. Atty. Pacacha reviewed the details with her. Council Member Paoletto asked about the details regarding the number of flips, which Atty. Pacacha reviewed with him.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 88-11 PROPOSED ARENA BILLBOARD LEASE AGREEMENT AMONG ARENA OPERATOR, INDEPENDENT OUTDOOR III, LLC AND CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Paoletto said that this item would be brought to the full Council off the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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